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In response to your e-mail on the BAN list yesterday, I asked my son who works at UPS in Georgetown if he had any experience with this smell. My son, by the way, is a responder for UPS trained to identify substances leaking from packages. He has an expert nose. He says that the smell is chlorine bleach, without question. He says it fills their warehouse on a periodic basis and that he has also smelled it driving in the area. He said that the last "big smell" night was about two weeks ago. His speculation is that the local box manufacturing company might be processing orders for white boxes by periodic bleaching. I asked him if he or anyone else from UPS had reported this information to Puget Sound Air Quality, and he said "of course not". I suggest that you might want to add this information to the list, and that Puget Sound Air Quality could get in touch with any of the night warehouse crew to confirm.

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(10/29/02 8:20 AM)

I contacted Tom Craig at Longview Fibre, the box manufacturing plant, by phone. I asked him if Longview Fibre uses any bleach or chlorine in their manufacturing process. He said no. He said they use a small amount of Sodium Hydroxide in the glue that they make for the boxes. He has never smelled a chlorine or bleach type odor in the air near or on the plant property.

(10/29/02 8:30 AM) I contacted the complainant by phone. Her son works nights at the United Parcel Service Warehouse on 4th Ave So. He has smelled the chlorine/bleach odor in the air for the past year and one-half. I gave her the Agency complaint line phone number to give to her son. I requested he call the number whenever he smells the odor. I advised her that Longview Fibre uses no chlorine or bleach in their process. I explained the status of the odor investigation to her and the possible connection to the Lafarge stack gas from the main stack. I advised her that the plant had shut down for maintenance for a few weeks.

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